

HUS HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 2009

120 YEARS OF SERVING CHRIST

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Who Moved My Cheese?

This book authored by Dr. Spenser Johnson has been used to help many organizations deal and face change. It is a fact that change is a fearful thing to so many people. Many people have become stuck in a maze of "that's the way it's always been" until they encounter something or someone that has caused their comfortable expectations and routine to change.

Dr. Johnson introduces us to 4 fictitious characters, Sniff, Scurry, Hem and Haw. One day their cheese was moved and they had to face the new reality that what they had grown accustomed to was no longer. What were they going to do?

How were they going to survive? Someone had moved their cheese and now they would have to deal with it.



This little story teaches an important lesson about life and how we all need to deal with change. Some people refuse to face change of any kind. Others have learned to adapt to the ever changing world we live in and grow. God is about the process of changing each of us into the character and image of his son Jesus. That is why we are called "Christians". Some

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"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."

-Eleanor Roosevelt



October Birthdays

- 6 Carl Studt
- 8 Marj Nejd
- 10 Jim Porter
- 11 Tessa Snyder
- 14 Evelyn Studt
- 15 JoAnne Hebert
- 19 Malcolm Klopp
- 20 Vince Theiss
- 24 Wendy Barton

October Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------|--------|
| 2 | Steve & Lois Snyder | 10 yrs |
| 13 | Malcolm & Margaret Klopp | 50 yrs |



October 4th
Helen Anderson and Marlus Grimm
Marj Nejd and Marge Pace

October 11th
Joan Cross and Anne McDill
Mike and JoAnne Hebert

October 18th
Grace Ford and Ruby Warren
Bonnie and Alan Tichy

October 25th
Dick and Janet Ransom
Mac and Judy McLaskey

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

—Martin Luther

Rummage, Craft and Bake Sale

Thursday, October 1st : 8 AM - 4 PM

Friday, October 2nd : 8 AM - 1 PM



Miss a sermon?
Listen online at
www.huschurch.org!

Center of the Bible

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the center verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

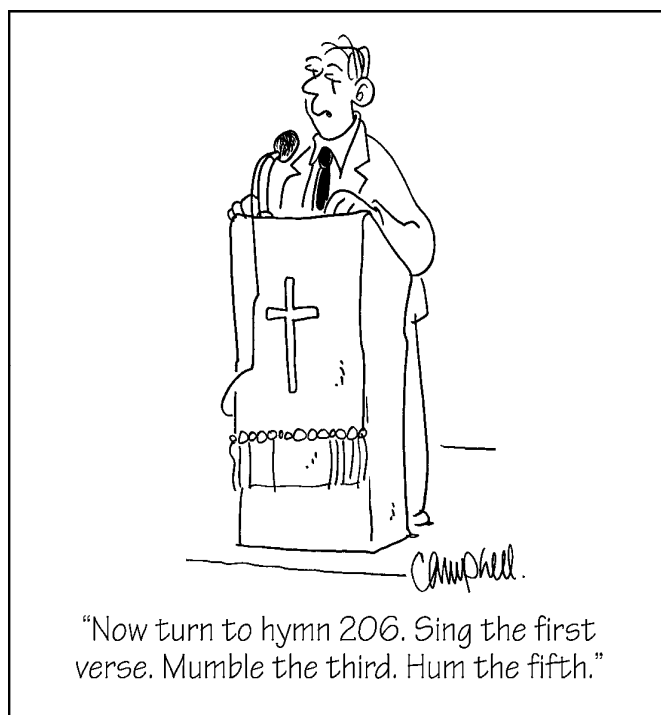
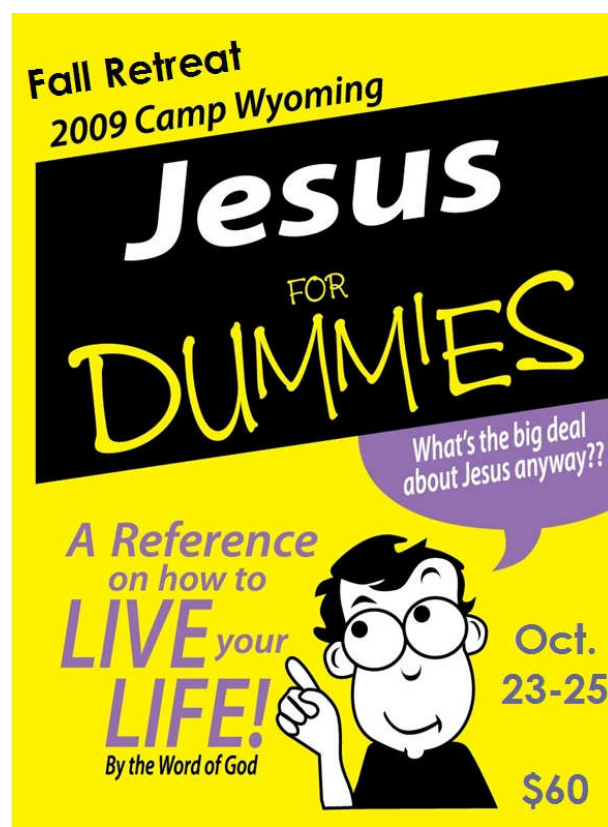
Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!

Psalms 118:8

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out
(or was God in the center of it)?



Adult Readings from the Life Journal - October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Oct 1 Zech. 10-12; Ps. 126; Lk. 14	Oct 2 Zech. 13-14; Ps. 147; Lk. 15	Oct 3 Ezra 5,6; Ps. 138; Lk. 16
Oct 4 Est. 1, 2; Ps. 150; Lk. 17	Oct 5 Est. 3-8; Lk. 18	Oct 6 Est. 9, 10; Lk. 19	Oct 7 Ezra 7, 8; Lk. 20	Oct 8 Ezra 9, 10; Ps. 131; Lk. 21	Oct 9 Neh. 1, 2; Ps. 133, 134; Lk. 22	Oct 10 Neh. 3, 4; Lk. 23
Oct 11 Neh. 5, 6; Ps. 146; Lk. 24	Oct 12 Neh. 7, 8; Acts 1	Oct 13 Neh. 9, 10; Acts 2	Oct 14 Neh. 11, 12; Ps. 1; Acts 3	Oct 15 Neh. 13; Mal. 1, 2; Acts 4	Oct 16 Mal. 3, 4; Ps. 148; Acts 5	Oct 17 Job 1, 2; Acts 6, 7
Oct 18 Job 3, 4; Acts 8, 9	Oct 19 Job 5; Ps. 108; Acts 10, 11	Oct 20 Job 6-8; Acts 12	Oct 21 Job 9, 10; Acts 13, 14	Oct 22 Job 11, 12; Acts 15, 16	Oct 23 Job 13, 14; Acts 17, 18	Oct 24 Job 15; Acts 19, 20
Oct 25 Job 16; Acts 21-23	Oct 26 Job 17; Acts 24-26	Oct 27 Job 18; Ps. 114; Acts 27, 28	Oct 28 Job 19; Mk. 1, 2	Oct 29 Job 20; Mk. 3, 4	Oct 30 Job 21; Mk. 5, 6	Oct 31 Job 22; Mk. 7, 8

Life journals are available for kids, teens and adults through the church office.

Please call the office for more details.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time, to reflect on and review some of the 'gems' that you have received. Without writing them down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons! And while journaling is a very personal time with the Lord, you may want to share some of your daily journaling with your small group or mentors. Through discussion, you may be able to look deeper into what God is speaking to you, gain new insight and even encourage others.

S for Scripture

Open your Bible to the reading found under today's date of your Bible bookmark. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words, in your journal.

A for Application

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

ELDER TRAINING 102 OFFERED THIS FALL

Because of the positive feedback we received from Elder Training 101 held last spring, PEIA will be holding Elder Training 102 this fall. The evaluation sheets received from the 101 sessions revealed that elders are interested in learning how to become spiritual leaders. We took note, and Maurie Campbell, who was the presenter for 101, has prepared a workshop geared to facilitate a lively discussion on this topic.



What does It mean to BE spiritual?

- How do I develop more deeply my spirituality?
- How do I lead those in my congregation in their spiritual journey?

We will hold the workshops on 3 different Saturdays this fall. **You only need to attend one.** We are trying to make them geographically accessible so that it will be convenient for anyone to attend:

- October 17--Burlington, First Presbyterian Church
- October 24--Cedar Rapids, Hus Memorial
- November 14--West Liberty, First Church United

If you attended 101, wonderful; the 102 session will enrich what you have already learned. If you did not attend 101, that's okay, too, because the material presented in the spring is not a prerequisite for the fall workshop.

Plan now to attend and bring your whole session with you. We will have a brochure with more details ready to download from our website by the first week of September. Imagine the transformation that could take place in your church if every leader explored the call to become a spiritual leader.



How is being a Christian like being a pumpkin?



God sees us, picks us out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky material out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces and places a shining light within us for others to see.

Jesus said: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, NRSV).



Closings or cancellations will be posted on the Hus website (www.huschurch.org) and on KCRG, KWWL, and KGAN. Please note that the church website should be the first place to check as it can take the media time to get the information on air and on their websites. **Expect a call from a church representative only if you have requested a personal call.** To request a call, please contact the church office (319.363.0067). If you would like to receive an email notification, please let the office know.

*The complete policy is available on from the church office or online at www.huschurch.org.



A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. Another and another flash of lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her, 'What are you doing?' The child answered, 'I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture.'



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people refuse to allow God's Holy Spirit to lead them to change and never enjoy the blessings of God's fingerprints on their lives.

Others have embarked the change process of God called "transformation" and have grown in ways they could never have imagined, and have been blessed beyond measure. Paul talks about this process as he wrote to the Christ followers in Corinth. He says it this way. *2 Corinthians 3:18 "And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more."*

My dear friends, change is always happening whether we see it, feel it or like it. Our bodies are ever changing. It's part of God's plan for each of us. Our world is ever changing, our communities are ever changing. Please allow God, by the power of his Holy Spirit, to change you to be more like him. This is a glorious process and you will be better for the change. God bless you as you allow him to transform you into the shining image of Jesus.

Pastor Mel Ramos

Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from
11:00am - 11:45 am each Sunday

October 4 will be our last Jonah lesson. Then we'll be starting on our next prophet: Daniel! Again, this is a familiar story, but it contains a lot of valuable lessons. Some of the main lessons are:

- ♦ It takes strength and guts to believe in God and obey God's commands.
- ♦ Believing one thing and doing another is wrong.
- ♦ Saying you love God but not obeying God is wrong.

Our Key Verses are:

"Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

And

"I command everyone in my kingdom to worship and honor the God of Daniel. He is the living God, the one who lives forever. His power and his kingdom will never end."
Daniel 6:26 (CEV)

**KIDS AGES 3-6TH GRADE
WILL MEET IN THE
SCRIPTURE SAFARI
ROOM. FROM THERE,
WE'LL DIRECT THE KIDS
TO THEIR STATION FOR
THE DAY.**

The Stations:

Imagination Island:
Creative Art

**Bible Broadway:
Drama**

Movies on the Mount:
Video

**SCRIPTURE
SAFARI:
Bible Exploration**

Polar PC.: Computers

**Adults meet in the upstairs
Adult Sunday School Room
for class with Judy! Come
join in the discussion.
Everyone is welcome.**

**Youth in
High School
meet in the
Youth Room
for
Sunday School
with
Terry and Diane.**

CALLING ALL 7-8TH GRADERS!!

PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE, MICHELE OR
CINDY IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN SUNDAY
SCHOOL. AT THIS TIME,
THERE ARE NO MIDDLE
SCHOOL AGE KIDS WHO
ATTEND SUNDAY
SCHOOL. CINDY IS
AVAILABLE TO TEACH IF
ANYONE IS INTERESTED!

We have a new class
for 3-6 year olds!!
Thanks to Marilyn and
Michelle Hess for
volunteering to teach!



A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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Cookies for Friends

Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1½ cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rummage Sale- 8 AM - 4 PM Red Hat Ladies- 4 PM Music Lessons Spirit Skate Night- 6 PM	2 Rummage Sale- 8 AM - 1 PM	3 Worship Team at Mission of Hope- 6:30 PM
4 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School 11:00 AM YLT- 1 PM Youth serving at 1st Pres. - 4 PM	5 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	6 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Local 262 - 6 PM Trustees - 7 PM	7 CSA Meeting Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	8 Music Lessons	9 Dámská- 1 PM	10 Hus Racing League- Registration - 9:30 AM Racing - 10 AM
11 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School 11:00 AM	12 Music Lessons Lodge 13- 6 PM Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	13 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons	14 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	15 Music Lessons Barlow Girls/ SuperChick/Vota Concert in Waterloo- 6:30 PM	16	17
18 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School 11:00 AM	19 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	20 Men's Breakfast- 7:30 AM Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Session - 7 PM	21 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	22 Lunch Bunch- 11:30 AM Music Lessons	23 Fall Retreat	24 Fall Retreat Elder Training 102 Workshop- 9 AM First Light Christian Fellowship - PotBless- 5:30 PM Service 7:00 PM
25 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Fall Retreat	26 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	27 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons	28 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	29 Federation of Czech Groups- 1 PM Music Lessons	30	31 

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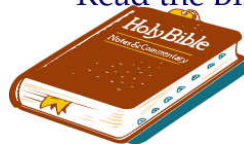
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Learn to
Read the Bible



**Fall
Retreat**

